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In the Matter of Contel of Minnesota d/b/a
GTE of Minnesota's Request for Certification
of 1998 Depreciation Rates

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On January 15, 1999, the Commission issued its ORDER CERTIFYING DEPRECIATION RATES AND METHODS in this matter. By inadvertence, the Order extended an 18 year service life to both buried cable accounts rather than just to Account No. 2423.1 Buried Cable - Metallic (i.e. buried copper cable).

Corrections to the January 15, 1999 Order, therefore, are as follows:

1. The last sentence in the second to the last paragraph in the text of the Order should and is hereby corrected to read:

The new service lives for aerial underground and buried metallic (copper) cable would then be 15, 15, and 18 years respectively, down from 17, 17, and 20 years as currently authorized.

2. Ordering Paragraph 1 is accordingly clarified to read as follows:

1. The Commission certifies the following service lives and net salvage values on the basis of the depreciation study submitted by Contel of Minnesota d/b/a GTE Minnesota, modified as to the buried metallic (copper) cable account (Account No. 24223.1) to reflect the Commission's decision to adopt an 18 year service life for the buried metallic (copper) cable as indicated in the text of this Order.

Acct. No.	Class of Utility Plant	Remaining Service Life (Years)	Estimated Future Net Salvage(%)	Depreciation Rate (%)
2112	Motor Vehicles	3.5	10	2.9
2116	Other Work Equipment	4.9	0	11.4
2121	Buildings	18.7	0	4.5
2122	Furniture	2.9	0	3.4
2123.1	Office Support Equipment	5.0	0	5.9
2123.2	Company Commun. Equip.	4.6	0	1.4
2124	Gen. Purpose Computers	2.8	0	3.9
2212	Digital Switch	4.6	0	10.2
2231	Radio Systems	5.6	0	4.9
2232	Circuit Equipment	4.1	0	10.5
2362	Other Terminal Equip.	2.2	0	22.5
2411	Poles	12.2	-50	4.5
2421.1	Aerial Cable-Metallic	5.2	-10	7.1
2421.2	Aerial Cable-Nonmetallic	11.1	-10	6.1
2422.1	Underground Cable-Metallic	3.7	-10	11.0
2422.2	Underground Cable-Nonmetallic	11.8	-10	6.5
2423.1	Buried Cable-Metallic	adjusted *	-10	9.4
2423.2	Buried Cable-Nonmetallic	11.8	-10	6.5
2424	Submarine Cable	5.5	-10	9.7
2431	Aerial Wire	15.0	-10	7.3
2441	Conduit Systems	24.7	-10	2.8

* NOTE: Since the Commission has adopted an 18 year service life for buried metallic (copper) cable, the Remaining Service Lives approved in this Order do not include the Company's proposed figure (6.2) for Buried Cable-Metallic. The figure approved in this Order, then, is the figure resulting from adjusting the Company's proposed figure to reflect the Commission's decision to adopt an 18 year service life for buried metallic (copper) cable.

In all other respects, the Commission's January 15, 1999 Order remains in full force and effect.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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